

Work in Basing Wood...

You may have already noticed that work has started to create the new facilities in Basing Wood especially on the natural play area and play trail. We are also thinning and clearing small spaces for the fitness trail and preparing the ground in the free running area. Work of this kind can be disruptive (especially during bad weather!) but doing it at this time of year is necessary to avoid disturbing the wood's wildlife in particular nesting birds.

We will be holding open construction days at various points and we'd love to have your help. These days involve all hands on deck (including our office staff!) to do the finishing off work. So please let us know if you fancy a satisfying day's manual work! Honestly it is fun!

In the meantime we apologise if this work causes any inconvenience but we assure you that it will benefit the wood, its users and the local community in the long run.

Happy Christmas from us all!

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Sense and Motion in Basing Wood

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Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 9th December -18.30pm

Free. No booking necessary.

We've joined together with Rev. Arthur from St. Gabriel's Church to have an evening of candlelit carol singing in the Wood. Singing under the twilight surrounded by nature will be a wonderful experience and is a lovely way to start the festive season.

- ★ Wrap up warm with sturdy footwear. You'll be on rough forest ground.
- ★ Remember to bring torches or lanterns.
- ★ This is a standing event (unless of course you bring your own chair/rug!)
- ★ Five minute walk into the wood.
- ★ Route will be marked from entrance behind the Popley Community Centre.
- ★ Limited closer parking/transport may be possible by advanced request.



Basing Wood Autumn Fun Day

Thanks to everyone who came and joined us at our Autumn Fun Day. We had a great time and hope you did too! Below are some photos taken on the day showing activities from pumpkin carving to climbing trees and making bird feeders to giant games. We also want to say a special thank you to those who emailed us afterwards to give us their feedback. It was great to get such lovely comments and hear how much everyone had enjoyed themselves!



Five Ideas for Woodland Christmas Activities!

1. Collect a few pieces of holly and fir to make a **decoration** for the Christmas tree or for the dinner table.
2. Search for all things Christmassy with a **festive scavenger hunt** - make up your own before leaving the house. Start with obvious things like Holly, Ivy, deer, a Robin, Fir Trees and pine cones.
3. Build your own **Santa's grotto** den out of branches and twigs.
4. Make a **Christmas themed collage** from things you collect whilst out on a walk. Try using leaves, moss and twigs.
5. Pull up your wellies and go for a **splash in the puddles!** (A bit of a cheat as it's not specifically for Christmas but it is still great fun so give it a go!)